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TO: Codex Contact Points
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FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: **Request for comments on the proposed draft Guidelines on the provision of food information for prepackaged foods offered via e-commerce**

DEADLINE: 19 April 2023

BACKGROUND

1. For the background information, please refer to [CX/FL 23/47/6](#).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on:
 - (i) the proposed draft Guidelines Appendix II of CX/FL 23/47/6; and to, in particular, comment on:
 - i) the status of the draft text as a supplementary text to the GSLPF and consider whether the text extends beyond the scope of the GSLPF.
 - ii) the proposed definition of e-commerce, as amended from the WTO definition, and consider whether:
 - (1) The definition should be adopted as proposed in the draft text.
 - (2) The unamended WTO definition should be used instead.
 - (3) A new specific definition is developed such as the one included in the text in square brackets.
 - iii) the removal of the minimum durability period and small unit exemptions to consider whether:
 - (1) The minimum durability should remain removed or included as suggested in the first sentence of 5.3 in square brackets (Appendix II, Section 5. Food Information Principles).
 - (2) The small unit exemption should remain removed or included as suggested in the second sentence of 5.3 in square brackets (Appendix II, Section 5. Food Information Principles).
 - (3) The inclusion of 5.3 to sufficiently cover the removal of the above points.
 - (ii) whether the text is ready for advancement to Step 5.
3. When providing comments on the abovementioned, members and observers should take into account the outcomes of discussion in the EWG, the conclusions and recommendations (see paras. 5 – 8 of CX/FL 23/47/6) as well as the analysis in Appendix I of CX/FL 23/47/6.
4. All the above-mentioned are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
6. Contact Points of Codex members and observers may login to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting "Enter" in the "My reviews" page, available after login to the system.
7. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.